# **BookletChart**

# Crawfish Inlet to Sitka

(NOAA Chart 17326)



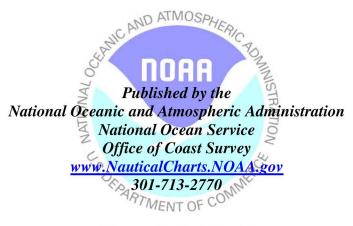
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# What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

# What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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# [Coast Pilot 8, Chapter 12 excerpts]

- (51) **Crawfish Inlets**, with entrances 6.5 to 11.5 miles NW of North Cape (56°36'N., 135°08'W.), consist of two principal arms connected about 5 miles inland by Cedar Pass.
- (52) Walker Channel is the SE entrance to Crawfish Inlet, and Aspid Cape, low and wooded, forms the SE point at the entrance.
  (54) Rakof Islands are a group of wooded islands between Walker Channel and the entrance to West Crawfish Inlet. Beauchamp

**Island**, the largest island of the group, forms the NW side of Walker Channel. **Scow Island**, the SW island of the group, is W of Beauchamp Island.

(55) **Scow Bay** indents the W shore of Beauchamp Island and is much used by local fishermen as an anchorage.

- (56) **Middle Channel** is a passage leading to Crawfish Inlet from the sea, midway between Walker Channel and West Crawfish Inlet.
- (59) **Crawfish Inlet** is deep and clear except for a rock that uncovers 3 feet in midchannel, about 3.5 miles from its junction with Walker Channel, Middle Channel, and Cedar Pass.
- (60) **Cedar Pass**, connecting Crawfish Inlet with West Crawfish Inlet, is suitable only for small craft. **Lodge Island** is the large island that forms the W side of Cedar Pass.
- (61) **West Crawfish Inlet** extends NE for about 8 miles where it divides into two arms. **Shamrock Bay** leads E from a point near the head of the inlet.
- (62) **Necker Islands** are a group of low, wooded islands that extend NW from the entrance to West Crawfish Inlet.
- (64) **Rachek Island** is the fairly large wooded island at the S end of the Necker Island group.
- (65) **North Rock** is an isolated black rock, block-shaped, and awash in a heavy sea, 1.4 miles W of Rachek Island.
- (67) Windy Passage is the S approach to Hot Springs Bay from West Crawfish Inlet.
- (69) **Sevenfathom Bay**, 0.7 mile N of President Bay, affords better anchorage than President Bay.
- (70) **Big Bay**, at the NW end of Windy Passage, is narrow at the entrance, with greatly increased width inside.
- (71) **Dorothy Narrows**, between Windy Passage and Hot Springs Bay, has 11/4 fathoms of water at lowest tides.
- (80) **Herring Bay** indents Elovoi Island. The approach W of Kirbas Island is impassable. In entering by the approach E of **Kirbas Island**, pass W of a bare 20-foot rock off the E point of the entrance and follow midchannel.
- (81) **Biorka Island** is the most westerly and largest of the Necker group. **Point Woodhouse**, the S point of the island, is moderately high and wooded. Rocks and small islands are close to the point. Three of the small islands are named **Kaiuchali Island**, **Terbilon Island**, and **Impassable Island**.
- (82) Little Biorka Island is NW and close to Biorka Island with a narrow passage between.
- (83) Vasilief Rock, awash at high water, is about 1 mile S of Point Woodhouse.
- (86) **Biorka Channel**, SE of Biorka Island, furnishes a short route into Sitka Sound from the SW.
- (87) **Gunboat Rock**, about 1.2 miles NE of Vasilief Rock, has two pinnacles and looks like a gunboat when seen from certain directions.
- (88) **Symonds Bay** is the E cove indenting the N side of Biorka Island, and is sometimes a convenient anchorage for small vessels deterred from entering the sound by thick weather. **Entrance Islet** is N of and close to the W point of the entrance.
- (89) Hanus Islet is N of and close to the E point of the entrance.
- (92) **Biorka Reef** is 1.2 miles 283° from the southernmost point of Little Biorka Island.
- (93) **Hot Springs Bay** (56°50'N., 135°23'W.) is between Elovoi Island and Baranof Island. **Torsar Island** marks the NW point of the entrance to the bay. **Fragrant Island** is the large island SE of Torsar Island. **Kolosh Island** is the large island on the N side of the bay.
- (102) **Vitskari Island**, about 10 miles E of Cape Edgecumbe, is a bare rock about 20 feet high. It is marked by **Vitskari Island Light** (57°00'00"N., 135°32'44"W).
- (103) **Vitskari Rocks** are a group of bare rocks and rocks awash NW of Vitskari Island.
- (107) The entrance to **Kanga Bay** is about 1.9 miles E of Peisar Island, and the inner bay has depths of 10 to 21 fathoms.
- (109) **Islet Passage**, in which depths of 11 to 29 fathoms are found, leads from Kanga Bay to Redoubt Bay. **Fankuda Islet** is at the N end of the passage. **Kita Island** is the outermost of the larger islands of the

group off **Povorotni Point** (56°57.2'N., 135°24.0'W.), which is low and wooded.

# SITKA HARBOR

All aids, dangers, cable areas and hydrography removed from this area use chart 17327.

Corrected through NM Nov. 24/07 Corrected through LNM Nov. 13/07

#### HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Mercator Projection Scale 1:40,000 at Lat 56° 52'

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS (FATHOMS AND FEET TO ELEVEN FATHOMS) AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

### SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

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Pipeline Area

Cable Area

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, draggling, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

#### NOTE C

During the recent survey of Kanga Bay and the area northwest of Kanga Bay, many uncharted rocks were located within the 10 fm contour. Not all of these rocks are

#### RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

#### WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

# POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous sub-stances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

#### COLREGS, 80,1705 (see note A)

International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.
The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation Line.

#### LOCAL MAGNETIC DISTURBANCE

Differences of as much as 4° from the normal variation have been observed on Obsechki Island.

# CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117. Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:

(Accurate location) o(Approximate location)

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 8 for important supplemental information.

#### CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

# **Table of Selected Chart Notes**

#### HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). to the world decoderic system 1964 (WGs 54). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 1.322" southward and 6.357" westward to agree with this chart.

#### NOAA WEATHER BADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Althorp Peak, AK KZZ-86 162.425 MHz Mt. Robert Barron, AK KZZ-87 162.450 MHz Mt. McArthur, AK KZZ-95 162.525 MHz Cape Fanshaw, AK KZZ-81 162.426 MHz Sitka, AK WXJ-80 162.550 MHz

#### AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

#### SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charling. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

#### AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

NOTE X
Within the 12-nautical mile Territorial Sea, established by Presidential Proclamation, some Federal laws apply. The Three Nautical Mile Line, previously identified as the outer limit of the territorial sea, is retained as it continues to depict the jurisdictional limit of the other laws. The 9-nautical mile Natural Resource Boundary off the Guil coast of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico, and the Three Nautical Mile Line elsewhere remain in most cases the inner limit of Federal fisheries jurisdiction and the outer limit of the jurisdiction of the states. The 24-nautical mile Contiguous Zone and the 200-nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone were established by Presidential Proclamation. Unless fixed by treaty or the U.S. Supreme Court, these maritime limits are subject to modification. to modification.

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#### TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
Symonds Bay Sitka	(56°51'N/135°31'W) (57°03'N/135°20'W)		feet 9.0 9.2	feet 1.4 1.5

tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov.

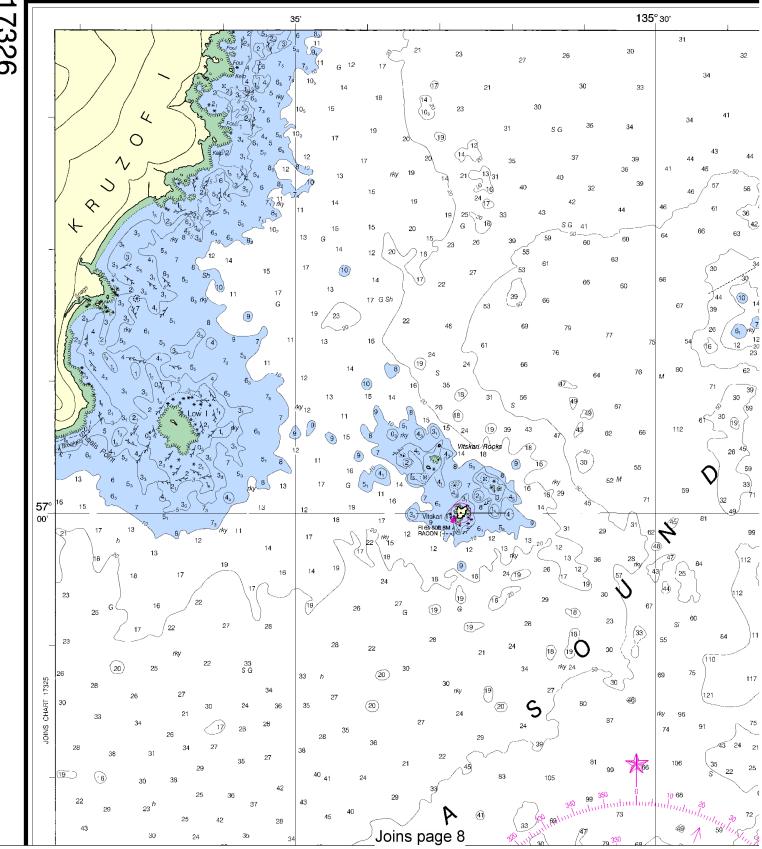
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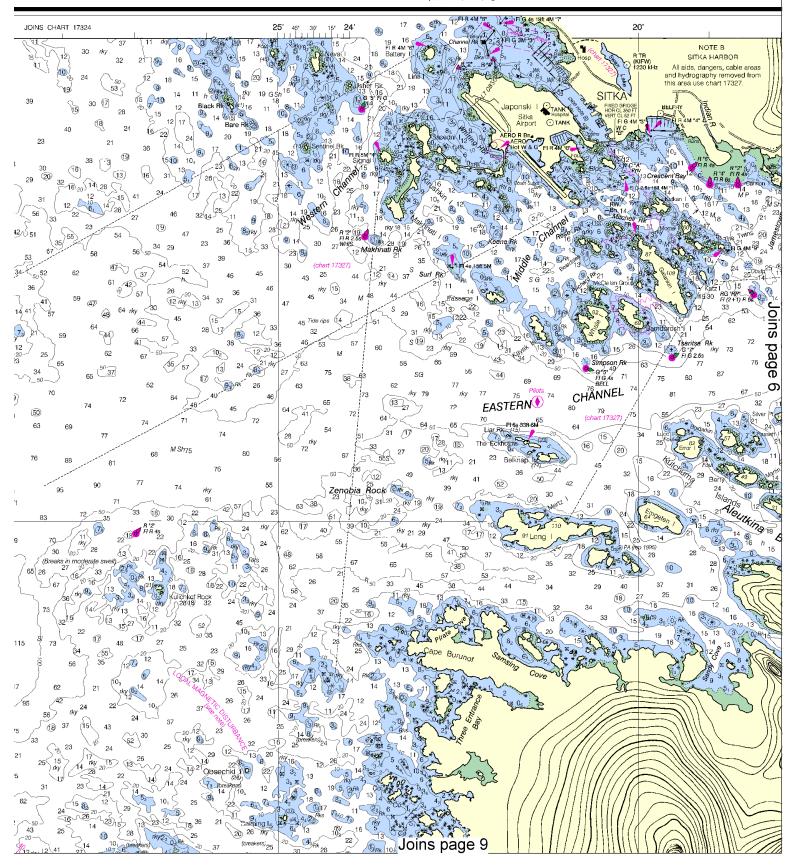
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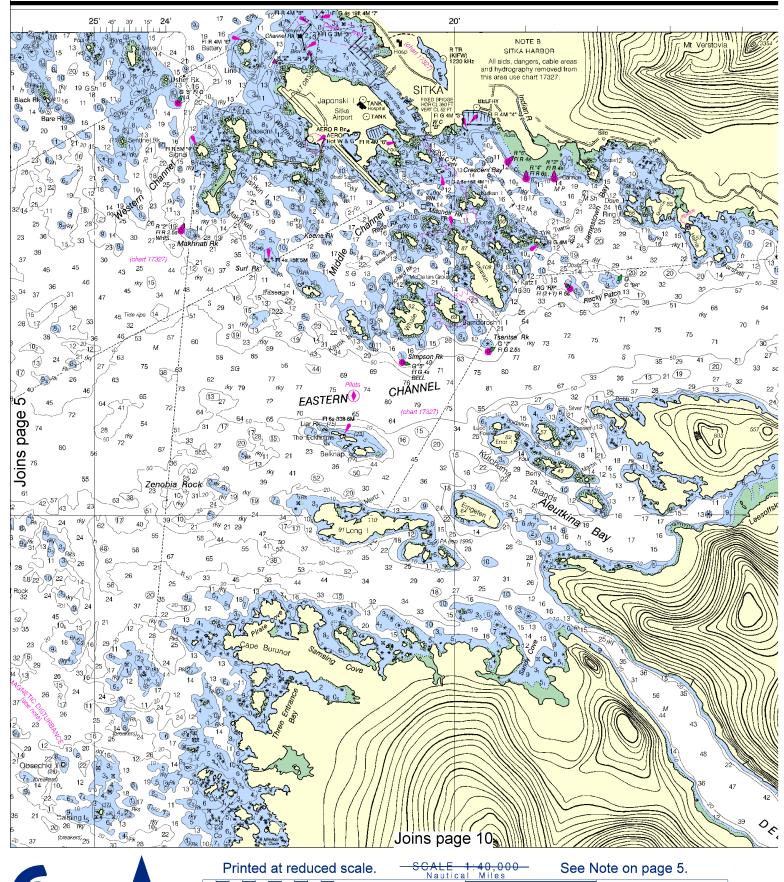








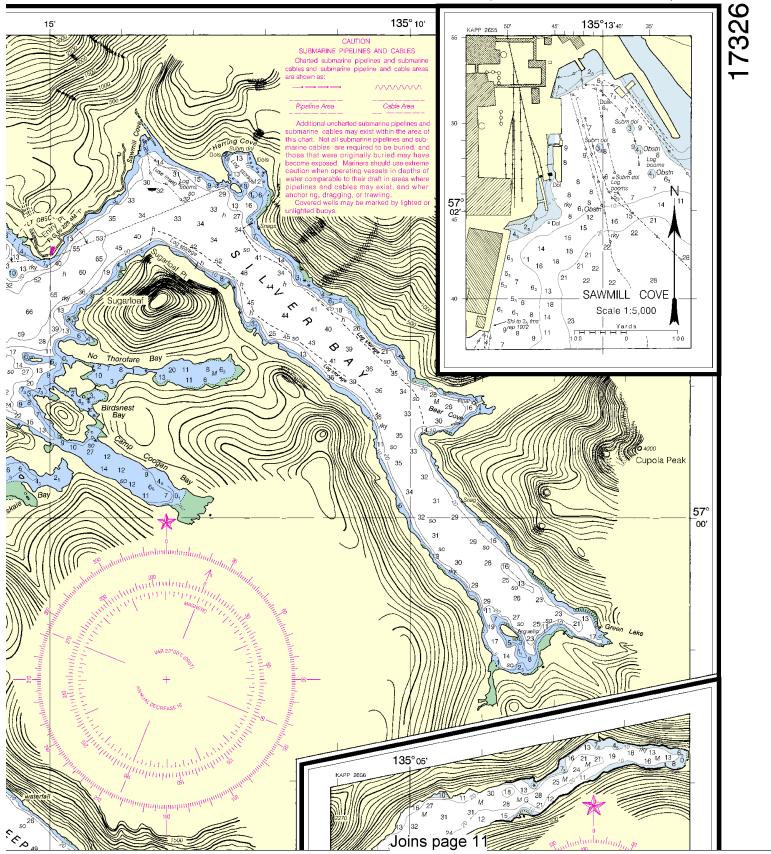
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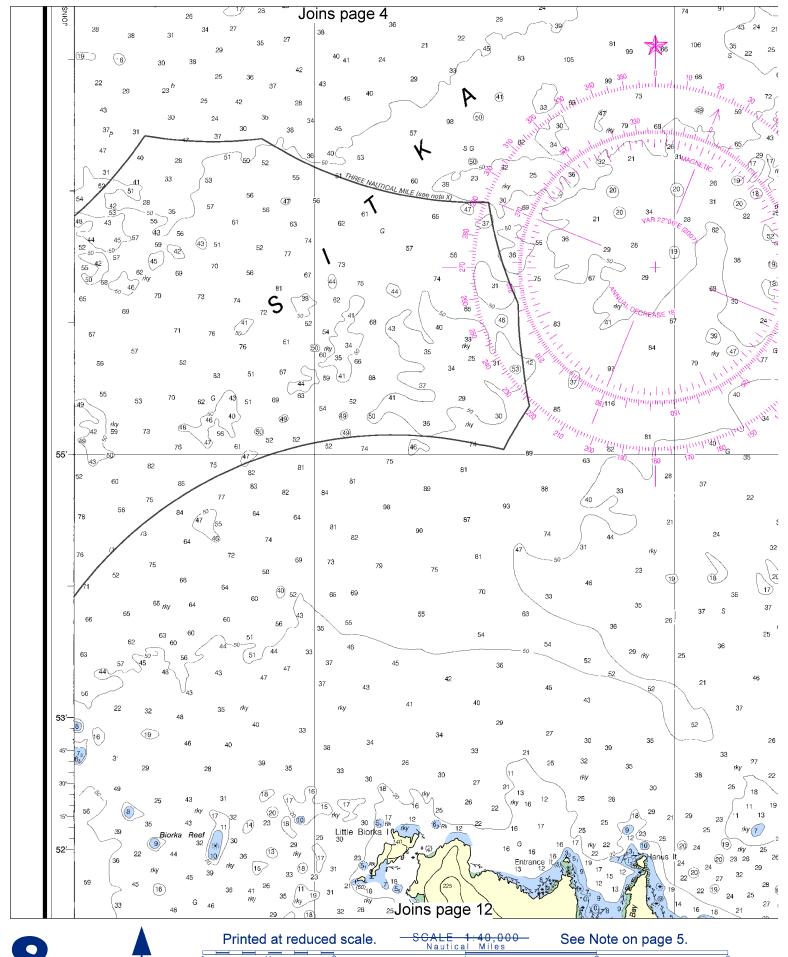


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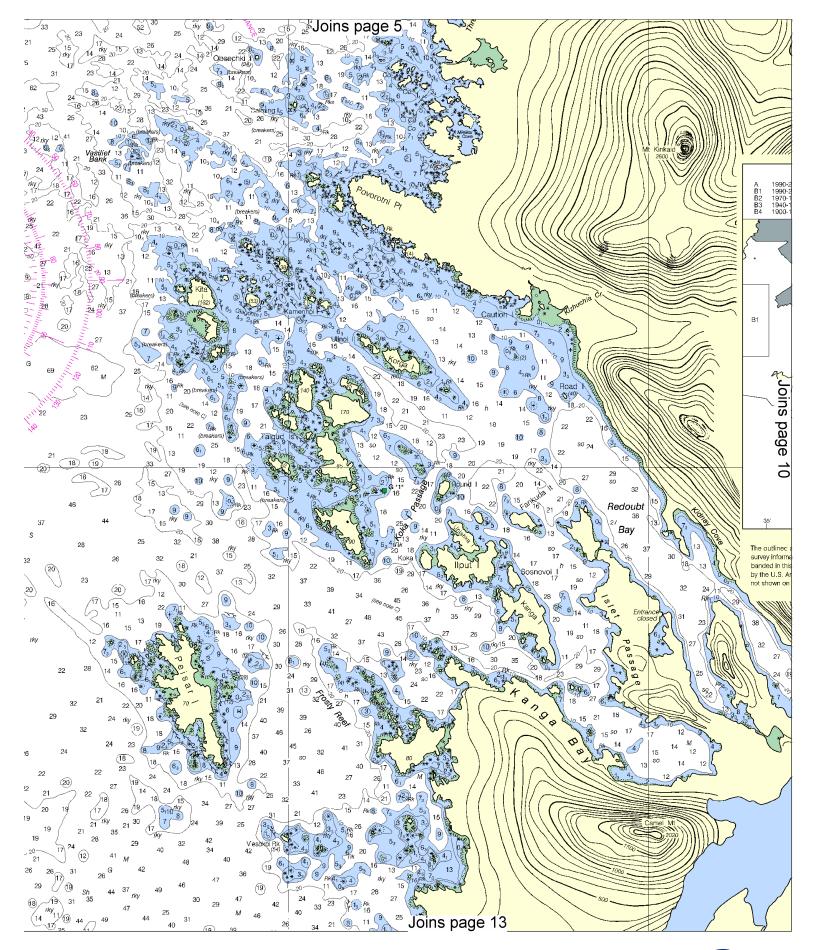




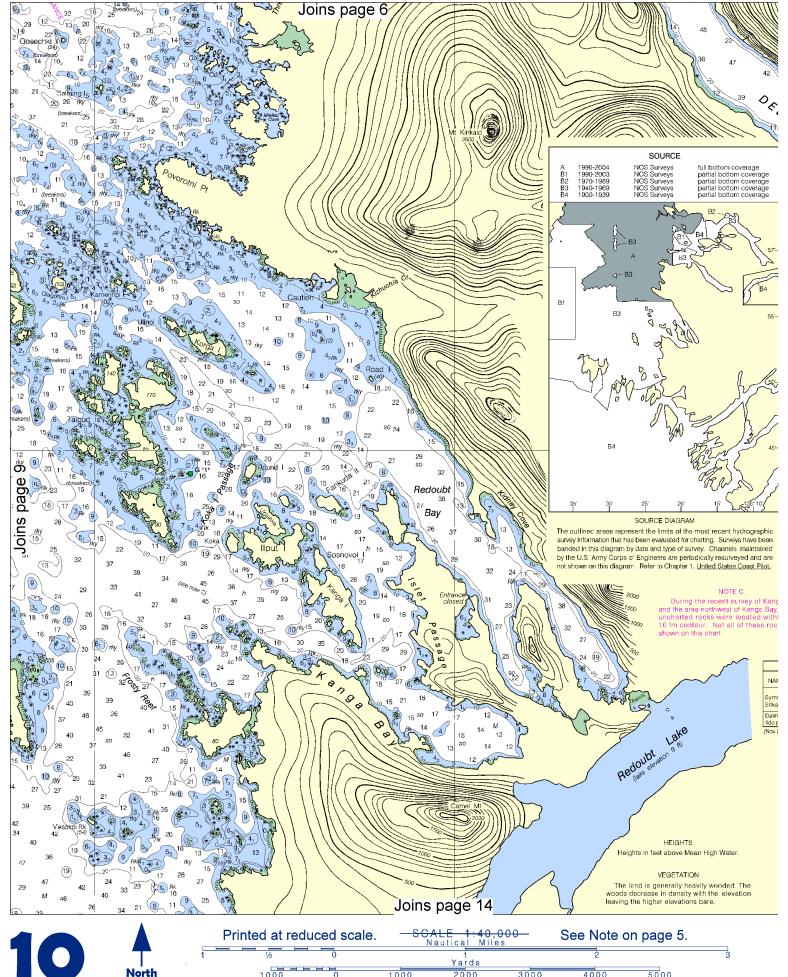




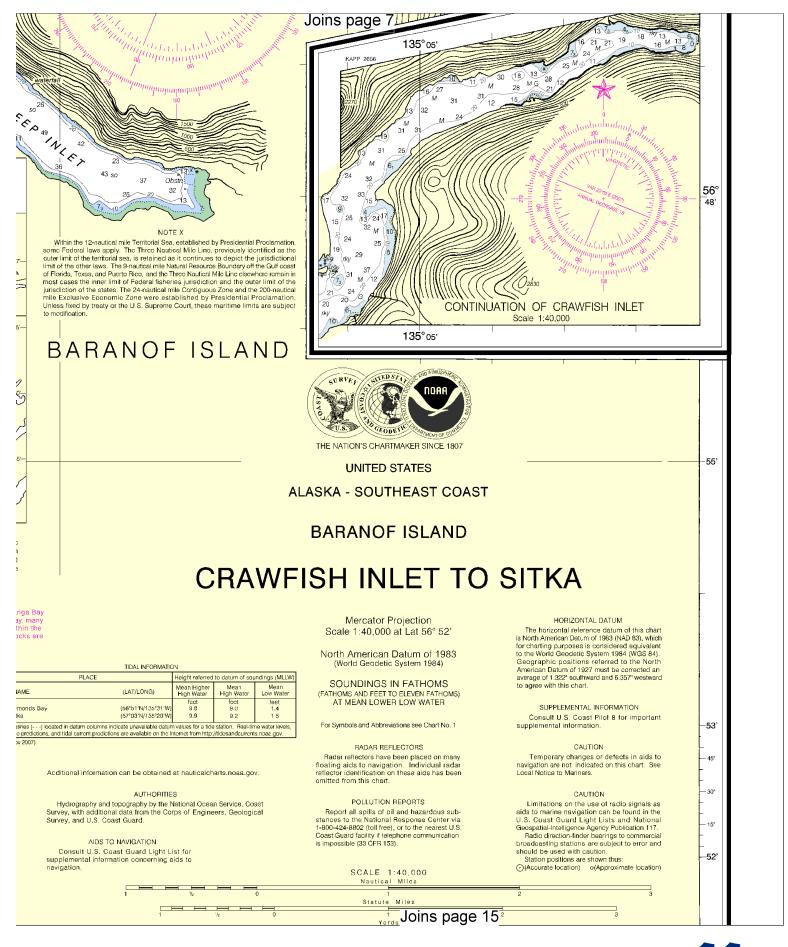


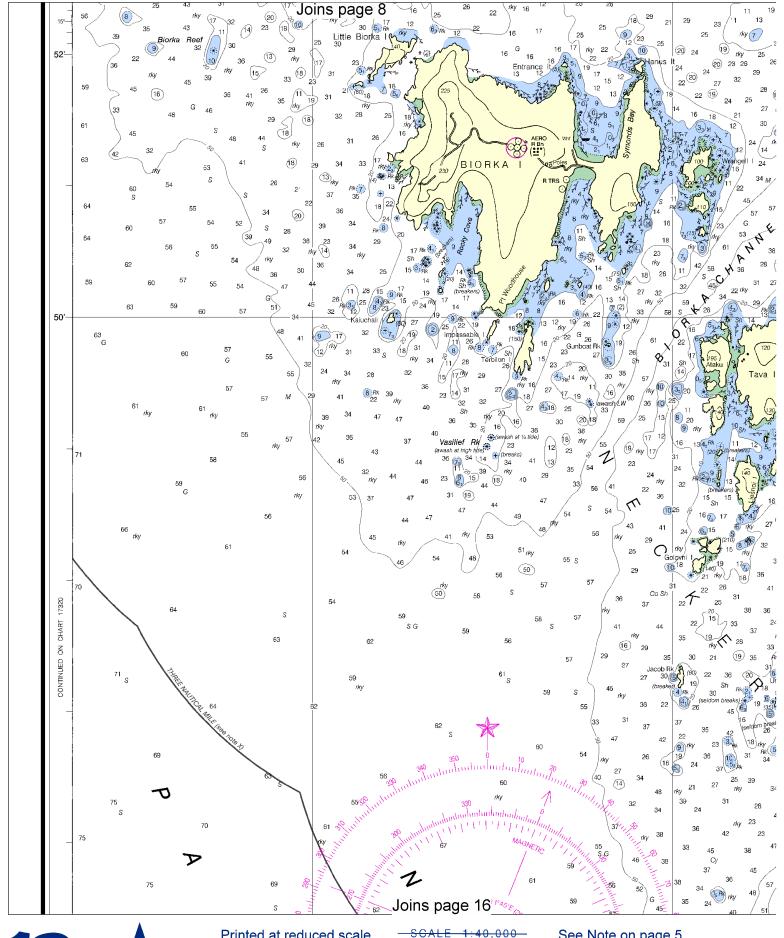






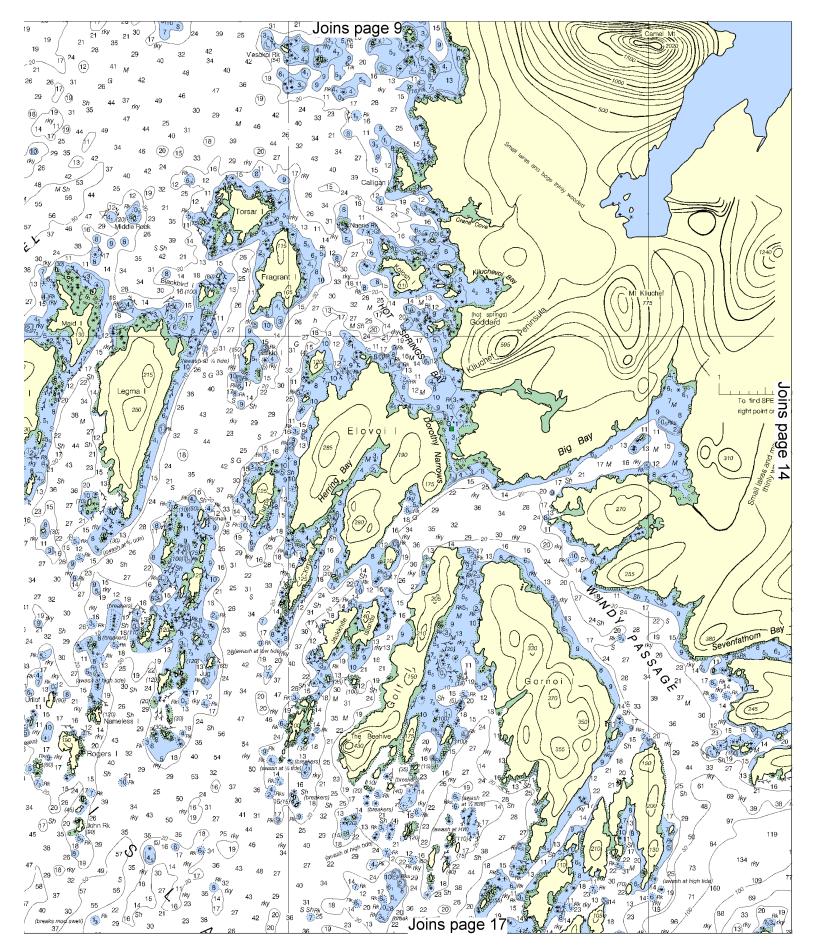


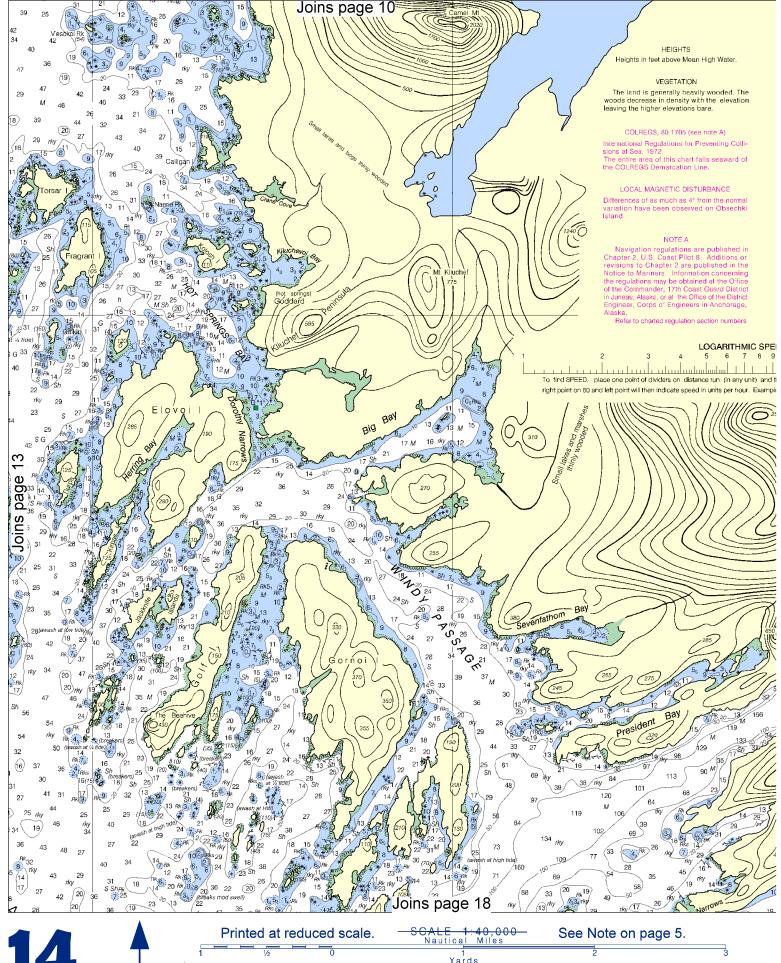




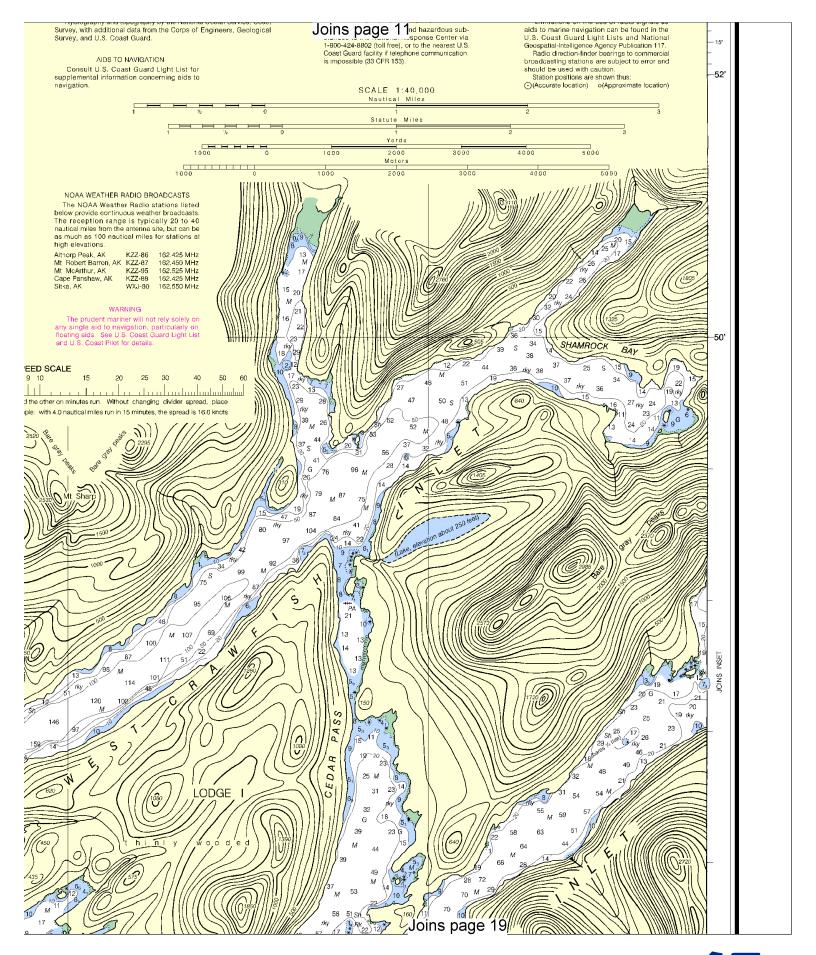


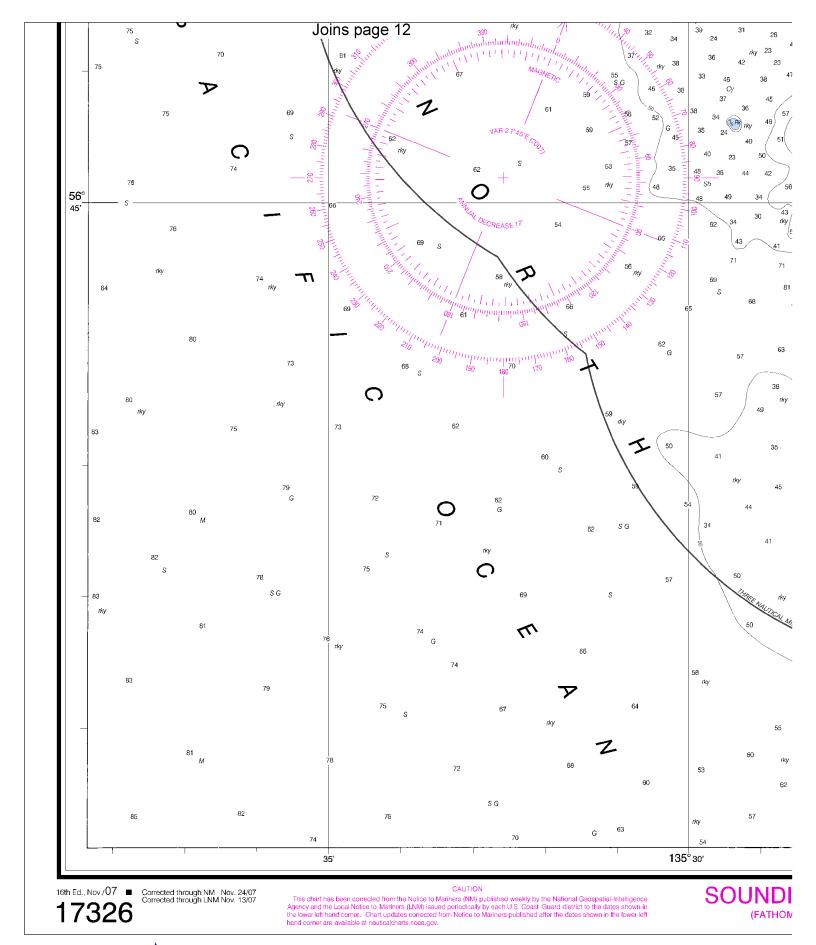






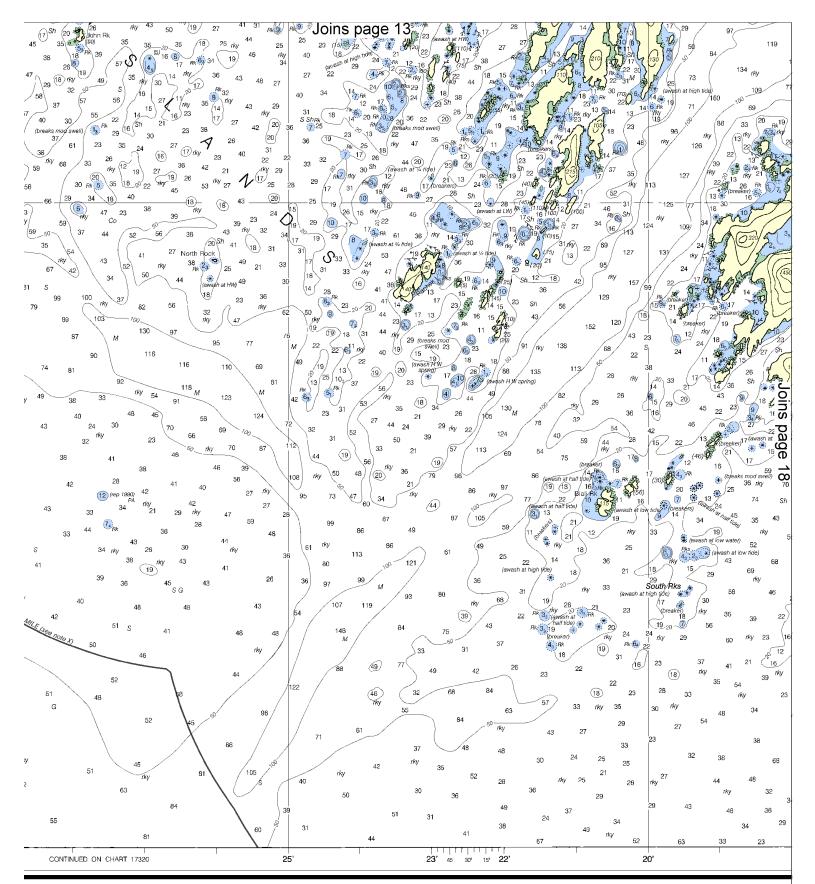






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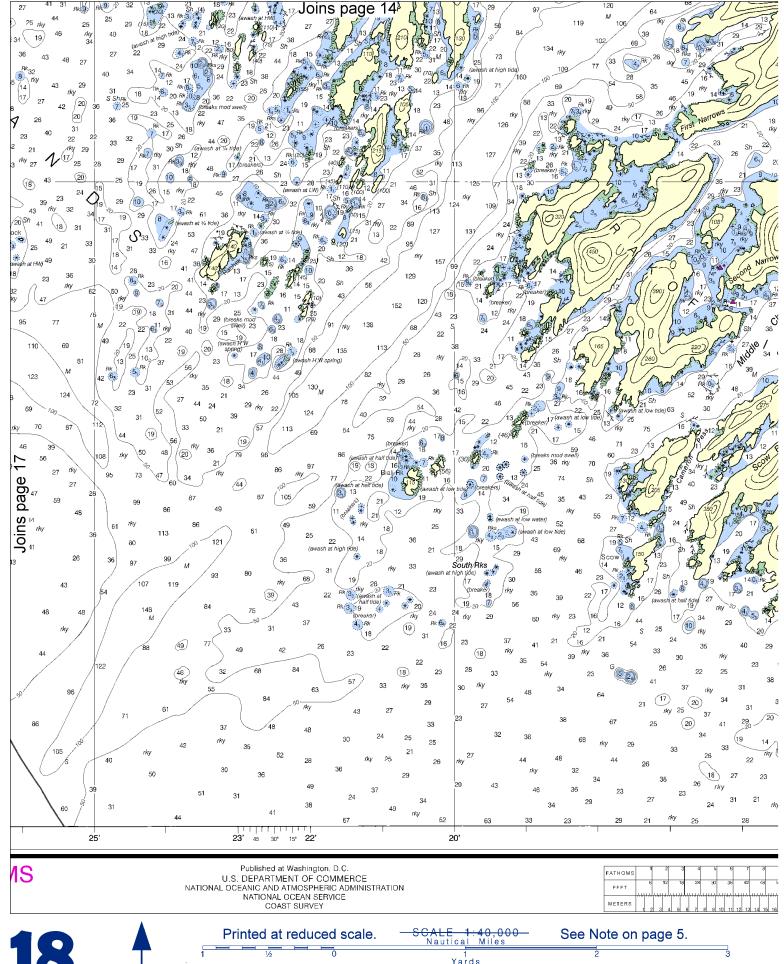




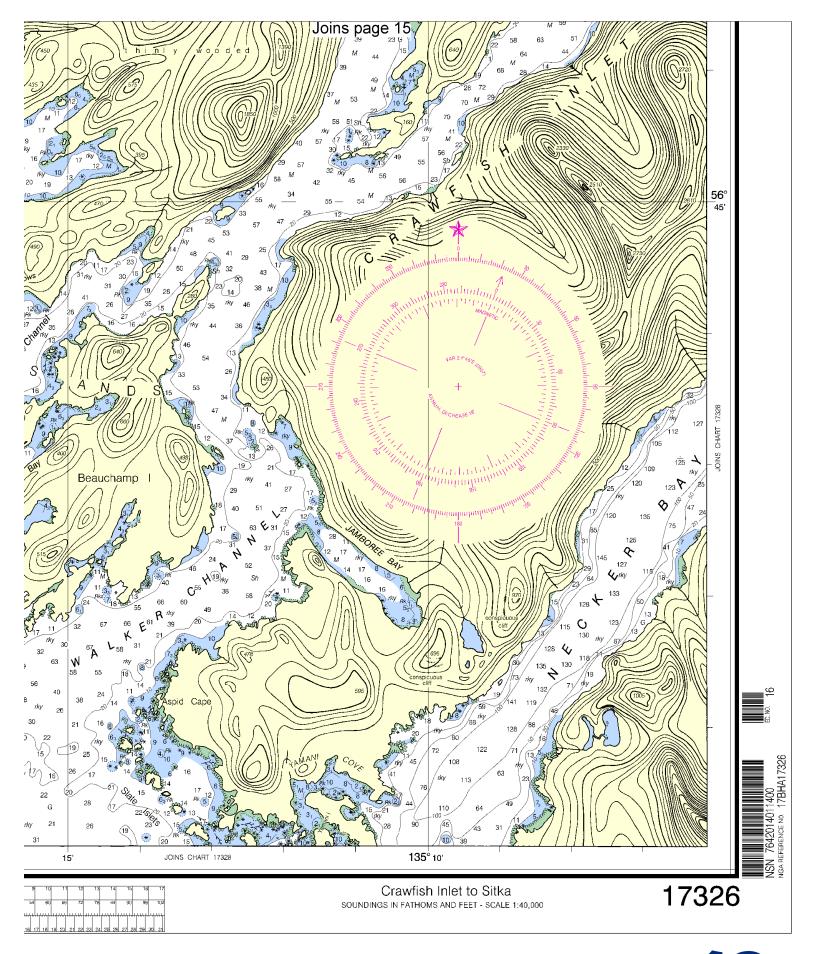
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# **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

# VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

# Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls

to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

# **Distress Call Procedures**

- 1. Make sure radio is on.
- 2. Select Channel 16.
- 3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
- 4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- 6. Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

# HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!!

# **Mobile Phones** – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Search & Rescue (Pacific Coord) – 510-437-3700

Coast Guard Search & Rescue (RCC Juneau) – 907-463-2000

<u>NOAA Weather Radio</u> – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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